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on January 18, 2023, and the deadline to respond is February 8, 2023.

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However, Defendant's counsel was only retained on February 8, 2023, the same day as the deadline to file a response to the Complaint. Defendant promptly called Plaintiff's counsel to evaluate the possibility of filing a stipulation to extend time to respond to the Complaint but was unable to reach Plaintiff's counsel.

As Defendant's counsel was only recently retained, Defendant's counsel has not been able to investigate the allegations of Plaintiff's Complaint or Defendant's defenses thus prompting this Motion.

II. LEGAL ARGUMENT

Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b)(1) provides that when an act must be done within a specified time, the Court "may, for good cause, extend the time . . . with or without motion or notice if the court acts, or if a request is made, before the original time or its extension expires "[1] "Good cause" is not a rigorous or high standard, and courts have construed the test broadly. Ahanchion v. Kenan Pictures, 624 F.3d 1253 (9th Cir. 2010). Rule 6(b) "[is] to be liberally construed to effectuate the general purpose of seeing that cases are tried on the merits." Rodgers v. Watt, 722 F.2d 456, 459 (9th Cir. 1983); Wong v. Regents of the Univ. of Calif., 410 F.3d 1052, 1060 (9th Cir. 2005) ("Of course, courts should not mindlessly enforce deadlines."). Indeed, the "good cause" standard "primarily considers the diligence of the party seeking the amendment." In re W. States Wholesale Nat. Gas Antitrust Litig., 715 F.3d 716, 737 (9th Cir. 2013). In general, an application for extension of time under Rule 6(b)(1)(A) will be granted in the absence of bad faith. Ahanchion, 624 F.3d at 1259 (quoting 4B Charles Alan Wright & Arthur R. Miller, Federal Practice and Procedure § 1165 (3d ed. 2004)) (internal quotations omitted).

Here, there is good cause to extend the time for Defendant to file its response to Plaintiff's Complaint to February 22, 2023. Defendant's counsel is evaluating Defendant's defenses and the allegations in Plaintiff's Complaint. However, Defendant's counsel has had insufficient time to

investigate the allegations and prepare Defendant's response having been retained on the date the 1 response is due. Defendant's counsel will also need time to confer with Defendant regarding the 2 3 response. As such, Defendant requires time to have a fair and sufficient opportunity to investigate and 4 evaluate these matters and prepare its response. Accordingly, Defendant expressly reserves the right 5 to assert defenses, including without limitation, motions under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b), as no such 6 7 motion is made here and therefore none are waived. Szanto v. Marina Marketplace 1, LLC, No. 8 3:11-cv-00394-RCJ-VPC, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 168028, at *10 (D. Nev. Nov. 26, 2013). 9 Defendant has acted diligently to retain defense counsel and begin preparing its defense. No prior 10 extensions have been requested, and this request is not made in bad faith or to delay the proceedings. 11 III. **CONCLUSION** For the foregoing reasons, Defendant respectfully requests the Court grant its Motion to 12 Extend Time to Respond to Plaintiff's Complaint up to and including February 22, 2023. 13 14 DATED this 8th day of February, 2023. JACKSON LEWIS P.C. 15 16 /s/ Joshua A. Sliker JOSHUA A. SLIKER, ESQ. 17 Nevada Bar No. 12493 HILARY A. WILLIAMS, ESQ. 18 Nevada Bar No. 14645 300 S. Fourth Street, Ste. 900 19 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 20 Attorneys for Defendant Rookies, Inc. 21 d/b/a Rookie's Sports Bar and Grill 22 IT IS SO ORDERED. 23 DATED: February 9, 2023. 24 25 26 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE 27 28

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